Special status to NTPC

49. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation has sought special status to bid for mega projects;

(b) if so, whether the request has been accepted;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE) (a) to (d) NTPC envisages to participate in the bidding process for Ultra Mega Projects and is exploring the option of bidding through JV/Consortium route to take combined strength of partners to be competitive. Keeping in view the existing ceiling of 15% of the net worth of the PSE in one project limited of Rs. 1000 crores applicable to navratna companies, including NTPC, for establishment of financial Joint Ventures and wholly owned subsidiaries, NTPC has sought special exemption/waiver of the financial limit of Rs. 1000 Crores, which requires approval by Cabinet. Ministry of Power is taking necessary steps in this regard.

Power projects in private sector

†50. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of power projects in private sector in the country as on date likely to be commissioned during next three years;

(b) the additional power (in Mega Watts) likely to be generated on commissioning of the said projects in private sector, project-wise;

(c) whether the work is progressing well in the power projects in private sector, likely to be commissioned during next three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) As per information available with Central Electricity Authority, as on date, twelve power projects comprising of eight thermal and four hydro electric power projects are likely to be commissioned during the next three years.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.